

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 286.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE now showing a Large and Varied Assortment of

TOYS.

Comprising:
ENGLISH AND FRENCH DOLLS.
NOVELTIES IN MECHANICAL TOYS.
NEW BRICKS AND PUZZLES.
AUTOMATIC CHARIOTS AND WAGONS.
ROCKING AND SPRING HORSES.
CUBES AND MOSAIC BUILDING SETS.
DRUMS, CYMBALS, AND OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
CHILDREN'S TEA AND TETE A TETE SETS.
PERCUSSION GUNS AND RIFLES.
SWORDS AND HAPPY FAMILIES.
CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS IN VARIETY.

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

VANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th
May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

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POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,558.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. | LEE YAT LAU, Esq.
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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

No. 13, POTTINGER STREET.

A. M. ROBIN
(Late of T. M. LAWSON, CALCUTTA.)

TAILOR, Shirts and Breeches Made and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges.

N.B.—Note the Address:
THE GOLDEN SCISSOR,
No. 13, Pottinger Street.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [797]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 27th day of December, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises,
By ORDER of THE MORTGAGEE.
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND being a PORTION of MARINE LOT No. 87, measuring North 351 feet, South 351 feet, East 39 feet, and West 39 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is Registered in the Land Office as Section D of Marine Lot No. 87.
Together with the TWO HOUSES on Queen's Road West, Nos. 15 and 17. Held for the residue of a term of 999 years. Yearly Crown Rent \$41.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1882. [808]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PROPERTY AT YOWMATEE.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 28th December, 1882, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., on the Premises,
ALL these PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND at Yowmatee Registered in the Land Office as Sections E D and the Remaining Portion of Kowloon INLAND LOT No. 107, measuring North and South sides 50 feet, East 48 feet, West 46 feet. Together with the HOUSE No. 32, Temple Street.

Also,
(2ND LOT.)
ALL that VACANT PIECE of GROUND measuring 100 by 100 feet and Registered as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 58.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1882. [834]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PROPERTY IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 29th December, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,
ALL these PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOTS 62, 194, and 198. Together with the Nine Newly Built HOUSES in Hollywood Road, Nos. 41 to 57, (will be Sold in Nine Separate Lots).
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1882. [835]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VALUABLE PROPERTY.

In Queen's Road Central and Jervois Street.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th day of December, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,
All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Section D of INLAND LOT No. 202, measuring on the North side on Jervois Street 41 feet 3 inches, on the South side on Queen's Road Central 50 feet, on the East side 34 feet 3 inches, and on the West side 44 feet.
Together with the 3 HOUSES in Queen's Road Central, Nos. 225, 227 and on Jervois Street Nos. 58, 60, and 62. Held for 999 years from the 3rd June, 1846. Yearly Crown Rent \$.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1882. [839]

To be Let.

TO LET.

AN UNFURNISHED ROOM IN HOUSE, No. 9, PEDDAR'S HILL.

Apply
R. E. Office of this Paper,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1882. [819]

TO LET.

PARSEE VILLA (5 ROOMS), Robinson Road, also a TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 ROOMS) in Mosque Junction. Both the above HOUSES have Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.
For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [782]

TO LET.

No. 4 OLD BAILEY STREET, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE, No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1882. [74]

STORAGE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to take Goods on STORAGE at their GODOWNS. Entrance from Praya and Queen's Road Central.

TERMS MODERATE.
Apply to
ROSE & Co.,
31 and 33, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 30th June, 1882. [806]

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
GRAND DISPLAY
FANCY GOODS
T-O-N-I-G-H-T,
Saturday, 23rd instant.
ROSE & CO.,
31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

W. BREWER

IS NOW SHOWING A LARGE CONSIGNMENT

OF

VERY CHOICE

FINE ART GOODS,

CONSISTING OF

PANEL PICTURES OF SCOTCH SCENERY IN OILS.

LARGE OIL COLOURS IN MASSIVE FRAMES.

FINELY FINISHED AND RETOUCHE

OLEOGRAPHS, ORIGINAL ENGRAVINGS,

&c., &c., &c.

PRICES, VERY MODERATE.

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1882. [703]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

WE ARE NOW SHEWING EX "RECENT ARRIVALS."

ALL WOOL SCOTCH PLAIDS, AT 45 CENTS PER YARD.

LADIES FUR-LINED CLOAKS FROM \$12 to \$30 EACH.

CLOTH and MATASSIE DOLMANS, MANTLES, and JACKETS, IN NEWEST SHAPES.

NOVELTIES DIRECT FROM PARIS IN

MOIRE, BROCHE, OTTOMAN, and SURAT DRESS SILKS.

LADIES SILK and SPUN SILK HOSE in EVERY COLOUR.

KID GLOVES, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 BUTTONS.

NOVELTIES IN CORSET LACE, and CLASP KID GLOVES.

INFANTS' CHILDREN'S and LADIES' BOOTS and SHOES in EVERY SIZE.

&c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882. [659]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT

OF

TOYS AND NOVELTIES

IN

ENGLISH, FRENCH, and AMERICAN GOODS,

VERY SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Also

Just Opened

NEW NOVELS in ENGLISH and FRENCH.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE in ENGLISH and FRENCH.

RELIGIOUS WORKS in ELEGANTLY BOUND COVERS.

PICKWICK PAPERS.

ALL QUITE NEW AND OFFERED AT MODERATE PRICES.

S. MEYERS,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1882. [661]

Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE JOAO JOSE DA SILVA E SOUZA of Victoria, Hongkong, Printer, having been Adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Adjudication Filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy on the 6th day of December, 1882, is hereby required to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS to be held by the said Registrar on the 3rd January, 1883, at 11 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, precisely, at his CHAMBERS, SUPREME COURT.

The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy. A Public sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final Examination, and to make application for his Discharge, of which sitting due notice will be given in the "HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE."

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such meeting an Assignee, or Assignees, of the Bankrupt's Estate, to be called the Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1882.

STEPHENS & HOLMES,
Solicitors in the Matter.

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THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Society's Head Office, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 4th day of January, 1883, at FOUR O'CLOCK, in the AFTERNOON, when the Subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on Wednesday, the 20th day of December, 1882, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.
That each of the Existing \$5,000 Shares of the Society be divided into Four Shares of \$1,250, upon each of which the sum of \$125 shall be credited as paid up.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong,
Dated the 21st day of December, 1882. [836]

NOTICE.

I have THIS DAY PURCHASED under a Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE and FIXTURES of the FIRM of DE SOUZA & Co., PRINTERS, &c., of HONGKONG; and beg to intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship, and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the Patronage of the Hongkong public.

F. D. GUEDES,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [837]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. McLaurin,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [829]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 25th instant, until the 31st proximo, both days inclusive.

(Signed) W. SIDNEY BAMSEY,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [827]

WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER

A SITUATION AS

OFFICE ASSISTANT or STORE-KEEPER.

Address—

M. E. G.
Care of Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [816]

WANTED.

AN ENGAGEMENT, either as BOOKKEEPER or GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a Gentleman, who has a few hours during the day, disengaged.

In case full office hours are required, arrangements might be made with a few days notice. Good references. Salary no object.

Apply to

F. Case of this Office.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [743]

LOST.

A TRANSFER DEED with SCRIP attached for 20 LUZON SHARES, being one of two Transfers of the same number of Shares signed by the Hon. F. B. JOHNSON. The finder will oblige by returning it to the Undersigned and the holder of the other 20 Shares by sending them to the Company's Office for Transfer to enable the numbers of the missing Shares to be traced.

Also,

TRANSFER DEED for 1 LUZON SUGAR SHARES in the name of Mr. C. P. CHATER.

D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1882. [737]

TO SPORTSMEN.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST.

OWING TO OWNER LEAVING THE COLONY.

I SELL my RACING SADDLE, RACING WHIPS, with Silver Mounts.

The above, which are ALL NEW, may be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE and will be sold at a BARGAIN.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [746]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA, (DIRECT)

THE British Steamer

"APPIN"

Thos. Hill, Master, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 27th instant, at 5 O'CLOCK, P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1882. [838]

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN"

Captain Pearson, due on or about the 28th inst., will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1882. [837]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"C. F. SARGENT,"

Athenon, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [839]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"SAMUEL D. CARLETON,"

Freeman, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [831]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"JOHN D. BREWER,"

Josselyn, Master, will load at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1882. [821]

FOR NEW YORK.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
 INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL
 SELECTED STOCK OF
**FANCY CHRISTMAS
 GOODS,**
 COMPRISING—
 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
 IN GREAT VARIETY.
 SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.
 FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES
 CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.
 CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.
 IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES.
 SCIENTIFIC TOYS.
 ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUDIN'S
 PERFUMES.
 &c., &c., &c.
 A. S. WATSON & Co.,
 CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS
 AND
 PERFUMERS.
 THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
 ESTABLISHED 1841. [431]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.
 Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.
 Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.
 Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisements are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by so doing communicating with the Manager.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

At the request of numerous subscribers, we have decided to publish fortnightly, from the beginning of the New Year, a Special Mail issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, to be circulated on the morning of the departure of the English mail steamer. This paper will contain a complete summary of the news for the preceding fortnight, together with reliable share and market reports, and other items of interest, and will be published independently of our usual afternoon issue.
 We regret that it has been found necessary, in order to maintain our high standard, to slightly increase the price of the Telegraph, the subscription to which, after January 1st 1883, will be \$24 PER ANNUM, an alteration which, we trust, will meet with the approval of our friends and supporters.
 Our mail issue will be circulated gratis to subscribers only.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1882.

It may interest Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS and the worthy jurymen through whose kindly meant, although somewhat eccentric application of the law of libel we were provided with summer quarters, rent free, for the space of two moons, to know that the immaculate BANDMANN has again been at his blackguard tricks—this time in Bombay. It appears that the manager of the Bombay Gazette declined to print DANIEL's programmes, and publish his advertisements out of pure veneration for the mighty one's talents; he wished to be paid for his work, and the consequence was that The GREAT TRIADIAN in high dudgeon loftily withdrew his patronage from the Gazette. It will be remembered how he acted under similar circumstances with the Telegraph in Hongkong. However, the Bombay Gazette people evidently knew the character of the contemptible scoundrel with whom they were dealing, and refused to be either cajoled or bullied. They even went further, for their dramatic critic actually found fault with the great one's acting, and rather severely criticised the company all round. This, and repeated beggarly arrays of empty benches, proved more than BANDMANN could stand, and so, following his invariable custom, he tried the stale dodge of rushing into print. The Bombay newspapers, singular to relate, unanimously declined to be made the willing tools of the tragic hero's serio-comic wrath, and refused to publish his trashy and abusive emanations. Ignored by the press and neglected by the public, DANIEL still was a long way from being beaten. The national characteristic of patience, and a most unscrupulous disregard for truth are strong points with the Anglo-American-Germano-Hebraic delineator of Shakespeare. He is also very fertile in devising expedients to aid him in accomplishing any object he may have in view. So as he

could not induce the Bombay public to patronise his theatrical performances, and as the press altogether ignored his feeble squealings, DANIEL, with his old craving for notoriety strong on him, resolved to print his rejected letters on the reverse side of his programmes, and these he scattered broadcast throughout the city. Although we have no desire either to spoil the appetite of the Chief Justice at this festive season, or to make our worthy friends of the jury feel those not easily defined qualms of conscience which may be engendered by a knowledge that law and justice have been outraged, and independent honesty, made the victim of sanctimonious hypocrisy and wholesale falsehood, through a grievous error of judgment, a scrupulous regard for the interests of fair play impels us to give publicity to one of BANDMANN's exquisite idylls, to which the Bombay press so strangely declined to give space in their columns. One letter will be quite enough—far more than enough—it is such a *fac simile* of many other similar communications from the same gifted artist, circulated throughout almost every city in the world in which this disgrace to an honourable profession has degraded the art which, with true Shylock-like unctuousness, he in the Supreme Court of Hongkong so rapturously pretended to adore. We give this letter as it appears on BANDMANN's programme of the performance of the "Corsican Brothers" on the 18th ulto.

HERR BANDMANN AND THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."
 Sir,—Though I am quite submissive to "Press Opinions," I am not to Press errors especially when I have good cause to believe that they emanate from ill-feelings. You declined to insert my correction to the ignorance of your reporter's statement last week, when among other discrepancies he remarked that the play of Proof was placed under the "Regency of France," and sneered at my historical ignorance. When I wrote to you and pointed out by indisputable facts and dates that the "Regent" had been dead thirty years before the action of the play begins, you were naturally reluctant to publish this correction which would have proved to the public of Bombay, that it was not mine but your reporter's ignorance.
 I allowed this injustice in the hope that it would not recur; but since this same *verdant gentleman* continues his misstatements (which I can prove by the very opposite opinions of your contemporary) to the detriment of my enterprise in which I am involved to the amount of several thousand pounds; you compel me to protect myself against any ill-feeling. I say ill-feeling for I hope that the change from the good opinion you had of me last season, when I brought a far inferior company, to this sudden reversion, had nothing to do with the dispute I had with your Manager over the price of printing *and my withdrawal of the same from him*. Should you refuse to publish this letter I shall certainly take other means to have it circulated.

Yours &c.,

D. E. BANDMANN.

The above letter was sent to the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

We would direct attention to the advertisement in another column of the London and Singapore Anti-Fouling Paint Company, Limited. This Company has been organised to work the patent paints identified with the name of our old townsman, Dr. DENNIS. It is unnecessary for us to make any allusion to the Company, as everything is clearly set out in the advertisement; but with regard to Dr. DENNIS' patent anti-fouling compositions, a few general observations may not be out of place. During recent years, in no branch of the shipping industry has more attempts at improvement been made than in patent paints. It is not many years ago since a composition of HUSSACK's red lead and white zinc mixed, was considered a marvellous protection to ships' bottoms from marine vegetation, molluscs, &c., &c. The introduction of iron vessels, however, soon opened a wide field for inventive genius, and in a very short time dozens of patent paints were on the market—most of them failures. PEACOCK's composition was popular for a time, the support of Her Majesty's dockyards no doubt contributing greatly to this result, although it must be admitted that this paint was a great improvement on most other productions. MCINNIS, SIMS, and several others found favor with their paints in many quarters; but until quite recently no composition found so much favor with shipmasters as RANTZEN'S. This German paint, although high priced, possesses many qualifications, not the least of which is that vessels can be put in the water before the paint is dry without in any way affecting the composition. Dubois' French paint, adopted by the French navy and the Messageries Maritimes Co., was the next patent paint that attracted, and then came what is said to be the best of all, the invention of Dr. N. B. DENNIS. There is no test of a new invention so reliable as practical results. Dr. DENNIS' paint has been tried and tested, and has even surpassed the most sanguine anticipations. The Straits Times says that the steamship *Penny*, after running a whole year, and the *Mercury*, after running for six months, were almost as clean as the day they left the docks. We have ourselves inspected the steamer *Lenax*, which, after being partially painted with DENNIS' patent composition, ran for over six months, and on going into dock it was found that the part of the vessel painted with another composition was covered

with marine vegetation and shell fish, whilst where DENNIS' paint had been used, the plates were as clean as when the patent was laid on. These facts speak for themselves trumpet-tongued. As we have already stated, the advertisement gives all requisite details regarding the London and Singapore Anti-Fouling Paint Company, Limited.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 22nd December.
 THE FRENCH EXPEDITION TO
 TONQUIN.

The French Government has finally decided to despatch an expedition to Tonquin, and will ask a vote of credit for 11,000,000 francs.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MONDAY BEING CHRISTMAS DAY, THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THE Hongkong Telegraph ON THAT DATE.

THE attention of subscribers is directed to a special notice in our leading column.

A LODGE of Emergency of United Service, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock precisely.

A YOUNG lady wrote to the Philadelphia News inquiring: "How can I avoid being addressed if I walk out at night without a protector?" The experienced editor of that paper tartly replied: "Wear an old shawl and carry a clothes-basket."

In reply to numerous inquiries, we beg to state that our report of the proceedings at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, held on Thursday night, was omitted at the special request of the R. W. District Grand Master.

WE hear a fishing junk capsized yesterday morning in a breeze off Cape D'Aguilar, resulting in the loss of one life. The remaining fourteen of the crew were picked up by another junk. The capsized boat was towed into Aberdeen during the afternoon.

WE have to acknowledge receipt, from the Superintendent of the Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Company, of an admirably got-up table showing the proposed movements of the English mail steamers for the year 1883. At another time we may find opportunity to further notice this publication.

THE only case of any interest at the Police Court this morning, and it is not of much account, was an unemployed Chinese seaman, with six previous convictions against him for larceny, &c., getting six months' hard labor, and being recommended for deportation when his sentence expires.

THE Buffs have already commenced decorating several of the barracks rooms in preparation for Christmas. We believe the Royal Artillery are going to dispense with decorations this year, their annual Artillery practice, just completed, having interfered with their making a display. Jollity, of course, will be the order of the day in the barracks at this festive season, and we hear the Royal Engineers intend having a quadrille party on New Year's night.

WE notice the positions of the different fire-plugs where water can be obtained in the event of a blaze, have been marked, on the London metropolitan system, by a "R. P.," with a figure denoting the distance of the supply from the mark on the wall. The idea emanated from our energetic Fire Brigade Superintendent, who has introduced several improvements into affairs of consequence since his arrival from leave of absence. The veteran "water fender" has been busily engaged in superintending the above very necessary adornment of our street walls.

WE hear that on Wednesday next the Gun Lascars will commence practice from the 7 inch and other muzzle loading rifled guns mounted on Stone Cutters' Island, the practice lasting about a fortnight. The present corps of Gun Lascars is almost entirely composed of stalwart Sikhs from the Punjab. They have less than twelve months' service, the corps having been only recently raised, and it speaks well for the training they have received, that men unacquainted with our language have been sufficiently instructed to enable them to work the heavy guns mounted at Stone Cutters, which embody the latest improvements, and the proper manipulation of which requires considerable skill, care, and attention.

THE following are the officers of the District Grand Lodge for the ensuing year—

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CAPTAIN BROWN of the *Billy Simpson* was committed for trial at the Supreme Court yesterday evening, being allowed out on bail in \$500 as before.

WE (Amoy Gazette) understand that Mr. Lo Siao Kiat, Wei yuan, new Tootal's Deputy for Kulanssee, took over the seals of the office today the 19th inst.

THE *Mainichi Shinbun* affirms that it has received intelligence to the effect that Li Hung Chang exercises complete control in the management of the internal economy as well as of the external policy of China; and that a German Vice-Consul at Tientsin, who is described as "the most intimate friend of the Viceroy," was instrumental in inducing China to adopt the measures recently employed in the policy of that country in Korean matters. The fact is that His Excellency, whose supreme autocracy in his own vice-royalty, and national influence, are perhaps unequalled in any other living statesman, is far from supreme in the councils of the Tsung-li-Yamen, where he has not even an official place, and only a certain weight. True that weight is ponderous, but it has often trembled in that balance, which the sword or prestige of a powerful rival, thrown in Brennus-wise, would cause to gravitate to the prejudice of the great Viceroy. For the skill and policy of at least two of the Foreign Ministers at Peking—the English and German to wit—His Excellency professes great respect; and there is every reason to believe that he has, more than once or twice on important occasions, made their advice useful to himself and his country. But he is not a man to admit any mere Vice-Consul, as such, of any nationality, to his friendship and his consultations. It is true that an American, not a German, formerly in Consular employ, has a semi-official position near H.E. Li's Yamen; but he was free from all connection with the United States Civil Service before he was admitted to a status which after all is only equivocal. This gentleman and Colonel Gordon are probably the only two foreigners who have ever been admitted to even a measure of knowledge of Li Hung Chang's wishes or designs. With occasional visitors he can keep from the extreme of princely courtesy to excess, of frankness that are almost Bismarckian in their fluent violence. There is little, if any, doubt that to Colonel Gordon's sage advice (perhaps rather too loudly given) backed by the quiet representations of Mr. Peitche, China, two years ago, escaped the danger and horrors of a war with Russia. But, be this as it may, one of the proudest, and individually most irresponsibly powerful men on the face of the earth does not go about begging the advice of second-rate officials of any foreign nation; still less does he, who in his private life is conservatively Chinese, summon such people to the intimacy of his private amity.—*Japan Mail*.

THE New York Times prints what appears to be a very just and impartial criticism of the Jersey Lily, which is in marked contrast to the rubbish written by Oscar Wilde and kindred critics in other papers. The Times says:—It is likely that most persons were anxious to discover whether Mrs. Langtry resembled the Venus of Medici, or something by Tintoretto or Carpaccio; perhaps even a Venetian lady, painted by Sebastien. Artists and esthetic connoisseurs—like Mr. Wilde, who appears to understand women better than most of us do—had prepared us for the blooming beauty of Veronese. But Mrs. Langtry is merely a very good-looking, bright-faced woman, whose like may be found in our streets at any time. She has not a handsome countenance, though both her face and her presence win sympathy at once. She has the right height of woman—the height of "Rosalind" in the thought of "Orlando." There is a gentle, subdued refinement in her manner, which speaks far more eloquently than her acting does. Mrs. Langtry is not, it may be said as frankly as possible, an acceptable actress. There was nothing in her performance last night which indicated that her intelligence or her instinct belongs to the stage. She does injustice to her personality, in fact, upon the stage. There can be no question as to the genuine charm of the personality. But the charm of it vanishes curiously in her acting. On the stage, in spite of herself, she is affected and artificial. She does not reproduce herself, nor does she reproduce naturally, spontaneously another character. She makes herself simply self-conscious. Mrs. Langtry has a sweet, thin voice which she uses in a school-girlish fashion. At moments, when force is required, she attempts to throw out her voice suddenly, and her tones become therefore painfully shrill. There is a monotonous lack of expression above all, in her voice. Her gestures are hardly less expressionless. Both her features and her postures are strained and awkward. She is at ease only when she is in repose. As to her conception of the character of "Hester," it is hardly needful to speak of that. Her grasp of the character was wanting both in vigor and seeming intelligence. There was a sameness of mediocrity in her way of illustrating the gradations of the part. Her weakness at the important first and second acts of the piece, her performance could hardly have been more colorless than it was; during the last act her ability to depict a character placed in a dramatically complex position—to utter sarcasm and tenderness in a breath—was unpleasantly absent.

SWATOW.

Swatow, 14th December, 1882.

A few days ago a party from the Sugar Refinery visited the city of Chao Chow fu, about 32 N. of this, and were glad to make their exit as stones began to fly around.

H.M.S. *Albatross* arrived today from Amoy. Several *galatras*, many ducks and very many *galatras* have been brought low lately by the storm here.

It is rumored that the bachelors here contemplate giving a Ball at the Club about the end of this month.

A few months ago a Chinese opium smoker in the youth of old age after disposing of his young wife at 21, because of no issue, for eight dollars, has had cost him eighty dollars about 3 years ago, under the bargain for another and older woman about 31 years old on these conditions:—That if she proved to be a virgin as stated by the go-betweens (match-makers), he was to send as a present to the family she came from, a pig, 12 ducks and 12 fowls, roasted; if not a virgin, 12 fowls, 6 ducks and one pig with one ear cut off; the first lot was sent. Does any of your readers know of any similar case having happened in Amoy?

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Another bitterly cold morning at the Happy Valley, a limited attendance of spectators, and very little of interest in the shape of training operations. Thinking that a few early birds might take advantage of the racecourse being open, I managed to reach the Grand Stand before daylight. I might, however, have just as well spared myself the trouble of driving down Queen's Road in total darkness, as not a single pony was on the course until daylight had well set in, if I except Mr. Kerfoot's long string, which walked on to the training track in Indian file at about 5.30. "Giving them a rest this morning," I observed to MacOniold's, who was—as usual, in close attendance. "Humph! yes. Coffee, 'Taylor' replied the ubiquitous one.

Mr. Paul's team of subscription griffins did some fast work. The first pair out were Mr. Paul's white and Mr. Sassoon's bay. This couple galloped once round, the first half of the journey at a steady pace, the last half at nearly full speed, and both moved in good form, the bay, however, finishing much more strongly and in better style than the white. The blue dun and Tempest, late Wild Wave, did similar work, the Stonecutters' Island recluses easily settling the lavender colored griffin. The Banker's dark grey and Mr. Sassoon's dun cantered half a mile slowly, and then made the rest of their way home, the dun riding clean out coming in first by several lengths, although probably on suzerainty.

There were no sensational doings in connections with the American team this morning. "The Marquis" arrived on the scene of action later than usual, and looking but poorly, so, probably on this account, his ponies were restricted to slow exercise. Lord of the Isles and Robbie Burns were sent the length of the straight at a steady pace, whilst Dragio Bower cantered slowly about seven furlongs. Strathella, Danley, Rothwell, and Dauntless did nothing worth recording. Mr. Tassan's ponies—Derwent (late Counterpoint), Kelpie, Kassassin, Dutch Oven, and Zagzag—each cantered a quarter of a mile after the usual bout of trotting. Silver Streak and Qui Quat (a subscription griffin of last year) finished up their morning's work with a sharp burst the length of the straight. Mr. Henry's ponies, Rensel, Pelham, Rialto, Incubus, and Foxhound did slow exercise, the three last named moving very stiffly. Mr. Coxon's skewball cantered, and appeared lame when he returned to the enclosure. Several other ponies were out, including Gil Blas, Rob Roy, and Ambassador, but they did nothing worth recording.

Hearing that Mr. Hutchings had arrived from Foochow, I thought it just possible that Mr. Kerfoot's team might have an outing during the forenoon, so, on the off-chance, I drove down to the terrace course before 11 o'clock to see what was going on. A detachment of soldiers were busy making a trench of some sort in the centre of the course, a herd of goats were browsing close by, Taylor's cows had invaded the paddock, and a dozen coolies were dragging a most primitive looking harrow round the track under the superintendence of the well known gunner who acts as the C. C.'s subordinate, a party of ladies and gentlemen evidently en route to a picnic had their chairs drawn up in front of the Grand Stand, several Portuguese lads were amusing themselves in the matched stables, the sun was shining brilliantly, but there were no signs of any race ponies, and no apparent preparations for quiet "pawing." Having a taste for horticulture, I sauntered over in the direction of Taylor's market garden and had a look at his cabbage, then walked slowly round the staple chase course, and wandered up the hill to the famous Black Rock. Lurking under the shadow of the trees I here came upon two well known figures, none other than the two riding mafios "School" and "Tientsin," like myself evidently on a touring expedition bent. The sight of these two particularly acute specimens of the genus mafio convinced me that my original surmises were well founded, and on turning my gaze towards the entrance to the course I felt delighted to observe a long string of expected racers streaming in, followed by Mr. Kerfoot and Mr. Hutchings in a dog-cart, and at a short interval by the great MacOniold's himself in a humble ricksha. Now to business.

Wild Dash and Salomanassar were the first pair put through the mill, and after trotting once round, the latter waited for his companion at the three-quarter mile post, and then they both went for a six furlong paw. The pace was very good at first as they came tearing up the Black Rock hill neck and neck. Wild Dash being apparently driven along to enable him to keep his place. As they shot past me at the half mile post, Salomanassar led by three quarters of a length, the clock registering 33 seconds. In making the descent to the village, Wild Dash drew up and quickly showed in front, passing the "quarter" post with an advantage of half a length—time 64.45th seconds. Before reaching the distance post Salomanassar hung out signals of distress, and fell farther in the rear despite his rider's exertions, Wild Dash drawing away, and passing the winning post pulling up three lengths in front in 1.41.35th. Salomanassar returned to the paddock tired and leg weary, but apparently sound.

Arabi Bey and First Comet. Ve gods! they are surely not going to try the subscription griffin with "the fastest pony in China!" The bay trotted past me alone, and as I am surveying his powerful quarters and admiring his nice, easy gait, the rattle of hoofs attracts my attention. First Comet has started at the five furlong post, and here he comes striding up the hill, almost pulling the boy out of the saddle, the griffin pulling the boy yet seen, in the Capital Empire. The big dun is going in magnificent form, and, evidently running away. The 100 yards from the half mile to the quarter is covered in a shade over 31 seconds. Going down the straight the mafio takes a strong pull at the "crack," and they pass the stand at half speed and pull up at the gate on the far side. First Comet is a grand goer, and as generous a race-pony as ever looked through a couple of miles, returned to the enclosure.

The dun Amethyst was the next corner, and after trotting a circuit and a half of the course, galloped half a mile. The pony was not ridden out; but the "pow" may be described as a strong gallop, almost as fast as the animal could go. If this display may be accepted as a criterion of Amethyst's racing ability, I must confess I am not favorably impressed. The first quarter was covered in 36 seconds, the first half distance in 75; but quite apart from this time, the pony's style of going was certainly the reverse of racing-like. I may be wrong, but I struck me when the mafio shook up Amethyst at the finish, that the pony seemed to move very tenderly indeed on one of his fore-legs. Likely enough this is mere fancy on my part; at all events, I hope it is.

Nebuchednezzar and Blackbird, after some apparent difference of opinion among the noble owners as to the distance to be covered, trotted once round and then retired to the enclosure, way to the half mile post. Starting well together, Blackbird led by three lengths before going fifty yards, the mafio, riding the subscription griffin hard at work from the first stride. At the quarter mile (31 seconds) the mafio led by

about ten lengths, and this he increased all the way down the straight, passing the post some twenty lengths ahead, hard held, in 63 seconds. Nebuchednezzar ridden out to the end, accomplished the distance in 69.55th seconds. Blackbird appeared rather "dooty" in front after being pulled up; but as he is a very excitable animal I could not, at a very distance, decide whether he was lame or not. However, when I afterwards passed him on his way to the stable he seemed to walk all right; but I was sorry to notice "First Comet walking lame." This finished the programme as Filbert and Discount were restricted to healthy walking exercises, and I understand they will be turned out for training for the present—as both are said to be "scrooped up." Judging from this forenoon's proceedings, I should imagine that Salomanassar, Amethyst and Nebuchednezzar will have to improve a vast deal on their present form to win races in Hongkong.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1882.

FOOCHOW RACES.

The Winter Meeting of the Fokien Race Club, which was held on the 14th, 15th and 16th inst., proved in every respect a great success. The Shanghai representatives were in great form, Mr. St. Andrews securing 9 and Mr. Bill 7 races. The Ladies Purse was won by Mr. Allen, on Merry Monk. This coveted trophy was presented to the successful jockey by Mrs. Edgar, wife of the Acting Commissioner of Customs, none of the most graceful efforts at speech-making ever made on a similar occasion. Mr. Allen is a capital race-rider, but not a success as an orator, his reply, besides being almost inaudible, proving exceedingly feeble after the lady's brilliant little speech. The following are the results of the races, for which we are indebted to the Foochow Herald Extra:

FIRST DAY.

The STEWARDS CUP—Half a mile.
 Gang Forward 1
 Revenge 2
 Ichabod 3
 Time, 61.4th.
 The MAIDEN STAKES—Three quarters of a mile.
 Vivace 1
 Stray Shot 2
 Jumbo 3
 Time, 1m. 37s.
 The COMPROMISE CUP—Two miles.
 Driving Cloud 1
 Pezzicato 2
 Helios 3
 Time, 4m. 27s.
 The HACK STAKES—Half a mile.
 Creedmore 1
 Pretension 2
 Blue Shrub 3
 Time, 63.4-5th sec.
 The STAND STAKES—Three quarters of a mile.
 Merry Monk 1
 Presto 2
 Ichabod 3
 Time, 1m. 33s.
 The HARKMAN CUP—One mile.
 Vivace 1
 Stray Shot 2
 Jumbo 3
 Time, 2m. 12.3-4th sec.
 The HONGKONG CUP—One mile and a half.
 Huntsman 1
 Strathpeffer 2
 Gang Forward 3
 Time, 3m. 24s.
 The dead heat for the Compromise Cup was run off by Driving Cloud and Pezzicato and, after a splendid race throughout, resulted in favour of Driving Cloud, by half a head. Time, 4.46th.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's racing passed off equally successful as the first day, although perhaps the races were hardly as exciting, with the exception of that between Merry Monk and Presto, which proved a dead heat, the owners eventually deciding to divide the Stakes.
 The RACING STAKES—Three quarters of a mile.
 Merry Monk 1
 Presto 2
 (Stakes divided).
 Time, 1m. 34s.
 The FEIMA CUP—Two miles.
 Pezzicato 1
 Strathpeffer 2
 Driving Cloud 3
 Time, 4m. 44.1-5th sec.
 The LOREARY CUP—One mile and a half.
 Jumbo 1
 Stray Shot 2
 Brimstone 3
 Time, 3m. 30s.
 The BANKERS PLATE—One mile.
 Jolly Friar 1
 Allegro 2
 Revenge 3
 Time, 2m. 0s.
 The COMET CUP—Half a mile.
 Merry Monk 1
 Wild Duck 2
 Vivace 3
 Time, 61.3-5th sec.
 The FOOCHOW STAKES—One mile and a quarter.
 Helios 1
 Pezzicato 2
 Huntsman 3
 Time, 2m. 44s.
 The CONSULAR CUP—Three quarters of a mile.
 Allegro 1
 Ichabod 2
 Presto 3
 Time, 1m. 35.3-5th sec.

THIRD DAY.

To-day saw the close of the three days' meeting, the races being of a rather diversified character in comparison with the first two days, owing to the results incurred by winners, and disqualifications giving those races a peculiar interest. It was unfortunate the better chance, the mafio was all that could be desired up to the finish of the meeting.
 The LADIES CUP—Once round and a distance.
 Allegro 1
 Javelin 2
 Markisman 3
 Time, 1m. 32s.
 The MANCHU STAKES—One mile.
 Symphony 1
 Allegro 2
 Wild Earl 3
 Time, 2m. 15.1-5th sec.
 The LADIES PURSE—Once round.
 Merry Monk 1
 Allegro 2
 Wild Duck 3
 Time, 1m. 10.1-5th sec.
 The CHAISEZ CUP—One mile and three quarters.
 Driving Cloud 1
 Pezzicato 2
 Presto 3
 Time, 4m. 24.4-5th sec.
 The CONSULAR CUP—One mile.
 Allegro 1
 Revolver 2
 Ichabod 3
 Time, 1m. 12s.
 The CHAMPION STAKES—One mile and a quarter.
 Jolly Friar 1
 Helios 2
 Strathpeffer 3
 Time, 4m. 41s.
 The CONSORTIAL CUP—Three quarters of a mile.
 Allegro 1
 Merry Monk 2
 Revenge 3
 Time, 1m. 41s.

FOOCHOW.

The peculiar characteristics of the Chinese were again fully exemplified in two recent cases occurring in Shanghai, where two natives were sentenced to be strangled to death, the one for killing a thief, the other a prostitute. Although an armed coward in other respects, the death is little dreaded by a Chinaman, provided he is privileged to select the method of execution by crime. The usual method of execution in China is decapitation, and to our mind certainly the most merciful, although it has been argued otherwise. It appears, however, that the Emperor occasionally reduces (?) this mode to that of strangulation. These two unfortunate men had this privilege ceded to them, and underwent the excruciating agony of gradual strangulation without a murmur being heard. It certainly appears an anomaly that the Celestial should betray such cowardice in small worldly affairs, and when life itself is departing, exhibit no signs of emotion or agony.

Four earthquakes within the short space of about four hours, is rather an extraordinary occurrence even in the Celestial Empire, but this number was actually experienced in Foochow between Saturday night and Sunday morning last, the 6th and 10th instant. The two first shocks took place at 10 and 10.30 p.m. respectively, each lasting slightly over a minute. Both of these shocks differed in motion to those experienced during recent years, having a more vibratory and tremulous action instead of producing the steady and peculiar roll which those we are accustomed to at this season generally occasion. We are informed by a resident of eighteen years in Foochow, that during that period more severe earthquakes than the first two mentioned have not taken place, nor a number of shocks following in such quick succession. The natives appear perfectly regardless of these events, and the supposition is that the two huge buffaloes which they believe bear up the earth, are annually changed, and that whilst moving, to relieve the fatigued burdened animals, occasion this agitation. — *Herald*.

MACAO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
MACAO, 22nd December.

A most extraordinary and arbitrary abuse of the power of the Government took place here a few days ago, the so-called free press of the colony being attacked, outraged and insulted by His Excellency the Governor in a fashion unprecedented in the history of the colony. The *Macao* of the 14th inst. published some correspondence criticising the excessive amount of duty thrown on the members of the police force. Governor da Graça thereupon ordered the Editor to appear at Government House—a most arbitrary and illegal interference with the liberty of the subject—and on this gentleman foolishly obeying the tyrannical mandate, he was most grossly insulted by the representative of Portuguese royalty. His Excellency told the Editor that he was a lackey in sense and grammatical correctness, and that he (the Governor) could easily proceed in person to demolish the editorial office, and order half a dozen coolies to pitch the printing press, types, &c., into the sea. This was followed by a torrent of the most vile abuse. His Excellency concluding the display of the manners of Billingsgate by insisting on the Editor divulging the name of the anonymous correspondent whose strictures had given offence, said respondent being suspected to be an officer of the army. As the law does not compel the publisher of a newspaper to betray his correspondents, the Editor of the *Macao* very wisely refused to comply with Senhor da Graça's despotic command, and the result was another torrent of scurrilous abuse from his enlightened and courteous Excellency.

The whole of these most extraordinary proceedings have been freely discussed, and the arbitrary action of the Governor universally condemned. The *Macao* of yesterday vigorously protested against such a flagrant and tyrannical interference with the liberties of the press, and published an account of the interview between the Editor and H. E. Governor Graça, of which I will send you a translation.

The people of Macao think that the foreign press should be made thoroughly acquainted with the free (?) and enlightened (?) principles which adorn the Portuguese system of colonial government. Poor Macao! poor Portugal! I will send you further particulars of this disgraceful affair by an early steamer.

PARIS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
PARIS, November 4th, 1882.

In the crisis through which the Republic is passing, and when medicine men and saviours of society ought to prove equal at least to the demand, not a soul pronounces the name of Gambetta. Yet two years ago he was all powerful, and to day none so poor as to do him reverence. But Gambetta has this consolation; no person has succeeded him. Clemenceau had the air to have inherited Elijah's mantle, but that gentleman's experience on Sunday last, when he met his constituents to give an account of his stewardship, must have shown him that confidence in the populace is about on a par with putting faith in princes. The idols appear to be nearly all smashed; the Anarchists who now rule the roost, decline to recognise any authority save their own consciences. These convulsions are the universe, and under necessity, humanity save those who differ from their chaotic ends and nihilistic means.

Dynamite and its admirers continue to absorb all attention. The situation may be exaggerated, still it is not healthy. There may be calm in Gilead, but there is no physician there. The men of Government inspire no respect; however, it is only justice to add they display no capacity. While anarchists and monarchists are besieging the Republic, the republicans are fighting. Their personal quarrels usurp the real interests of the state. They set up ministers and under-secretaries, to trundle them over like a house of cards. Since the present Chamber was elected, it has on an average devoured one high functionary every three days. But the Republic, like Saturnia, has ever been accused of eating its own offspring. At the present moment it is a Casimir-Perier that is required at the helm; a statesman who will have the courage to profess and execute a programme, to concede the exercise of every freeman's liberty, but the iron resolution to repress everything approaching to licence. The Republic has yet to win its spurs under the head of statesmanship.

The lowest stratum of the working classes, it is now clear, are organising themselves, and aim to abolish the *bourgeoisie*, and as they wish to demolish everything, the easier since they have nothing to lose—save life, to which they hold but little, that end can be attempted as well as the others. A party that professes but violence and licence, that accepts dynamite as the only perfect cure for alleged social evils; with threatening letters and mortuary decrees as reasons in aid, cannot be influenced either by reason or kindness.

The Boy is dead; Long live the Boy! The Republic has crunched up the *statu quo* of Tur-

key and Turkey has been as completely ignored as she will be in Egypt. So much the better for the natives. I cannot perceive any marked enthusiasm on the part of the French to open up their "new take." On the contrary, they display more zeal for the Congo and de Brazza, and Madagascar, with or without the queen with seven-teen consonants in her name. As for Egypt, the French might well be excused, asking: "Where are we now?" Two things England does not do—explain her plan of organization nor retain her troops. In battle she is about right. The departure of the troops is considered fixed for the Greek Kalends; there is a false Prophet who threatens to be as ugly as Kroumir, with this difference, that the first really exists. When England has permanently re-organised the army and the administration all in her own interest, or dependent on her will, then the troops may be carried back to Old Virginy.

The Furniture manufacturers of Paris, numbering about 500, have resolved to reply to the threatened strike of their men by a lock out—this very determined one it will be. This decision would deprive 40,000 artisans—the kindred branches of the trades included, of work, of the means to live and representing 100,000 individuals when the families are included. The prospect of a starving population numbering 100,000 at the present moment when dynamite is so fashionable, and communism in the air, would be of marked gravity. This may explain why regiments of cavalry are pouring into the capital. The men and the masters are not divided, it may be said, on any question of higher pay and shorter hours; but on the principle of the right of self-defence. When the Trades' Union Committee decides to put such an employer, or such a shop in the *Index* Expurgator, that is equivalent virtually to the destruction of the proscribed. Impossible to find workmen; consequently inability to execute orders; so, certain ruin, that is to say, bankruptcy, which is according to law synonymous with dishonour. If the discharged or self-retired, men are refused work elsewhere, the Committee supports them, at their regular wages all the same. This terrible power of the *Index*—put a strike for, augmented pay and diminished hours of labor into the shade. Employers seeing confounders thus outlawed, decided the moment has now arrived to make a stand; hence, their lock-out. On the other hand the men say, if we renounce the *Index*, we have no redress against capital.

The actors have been in a state of high fever these last few days, owing to a deprecatory article written in the *Figaro*, by a M. Mirabeau. He states he personally dislikes actors, and who of late have come too audaciously to the front in society. He would not out-law them, nor deprive them of the rights of the church, as in the time of Molière; he would only secure more elbow room for virtue, and the serious professions. Nearly all the actors sent him a challenge, for that is the first step a Frenchman takes when he receives lead in the wing. The process too suggests that the *Figaro* delegates one of its editors to fight them. Sarah Bernhardt proposed her husband, or her son, or herself—duelling would be quite a new rôle for her; and as she keeps her coffin in her bed room, if the worst happened, preparations would be anticipated. The *Figaro* disowned M. Mirabeau to please the actors, and Mirabeau publishes the private letters from the Editor, applauding him for his article, at the same time sending his seconds to demand satisfaction for having been sold and used.

Elise Reclus is an incorrigible communist, and a *littérateur* of a high order; it was owing to his English admirers that his sentence was relatively mild. The old man is a foe to matrimony, and has just got off his two handsome daughters, by accepting simply the parole d'honneur of their partners for better for worse. Consensus alone binds the high contracting parties. Reclus believes neither in the Registrar nor the parson. However, it will be awkward for any little strangers that may arrive, or for the inheritance of property. These natural unions were common under the First Republic, but will hardly make way under the Third.

Fontenelle died at 100 years of age, and maintained that it was not worth while coming into the world if we were to quit it so early as at 80. Tranquillity and moderation were the respite he demanded of Nature; when at 100 years of age, he had lost hearing, teeth, legs, hair, and stomach, he said, he had sent his baggage on before him. Voltaire, with a head of iron and a body of paper, lived to 80, and no life surpassed his in storms; he left no person quiet—and was repaid in his own coin.

The French are very proud of their countryman Marcel Dupré, he having carried off the blue ribbon at the Electricity Exhibition of Munich. That gentleman has solved the question of electricity as a practical motive power. Hitherto the difficulty was to preserve the power generated, as it became reduced, leaked away as it were, in proportion to the distance it had to be conducted. To secure a working volume of the power, the wire or cable had to be made proportionately voluminous. Mr. Dupré has generated electricity by the Gramme machines, at a distance of 30 miles from the Exhibition; conducted the force over this distance by means of an ordinary wire which set machine to work in the building, only 40 per cent of the force being lost. Niagara, and other "Falls," the flux and reflux of the tides, can now be utilized to drive a dynamo-electric machine, and so generate the one thing needful.

A synopsis has been published of the number of deaths—1,358—caused by typhus fever during its late out-break, 4th August to 20th October; it was more severe by 20 per cent for the male sex, and most mortal between the ages of 15 and 35; during the existence of the epidemic the wind sat chiefly S.W. and the rain rained every day. Typhus is in any case an endemic in Paris. Cabmen and house-porters suffered most; a fact in which many might see the finger of Providence.

The Duc d'Aumale has commenced his series of shooting parties at his splendid estate at Chantilly; they are said to have a political significance. That does not change the sport however; the duke has a staff of six men solely in charge of the pheasants of which 4,000 are bred annually, and in their early youth, 1,000 eggs per day, to say nothing of chopped meat, are required for their six meals. A few years ago the Prince of Wales was among the invited; an awkward sportsman wounded a beater; the Prince hearing the yell, went to the man and said, "my friend, I am a doctor, drink this, and then tell me that I am a doctor," he gave the wounded man a pull from his flank of handy, and a 100 f. bank note. Since then the beater deplors the absence of "the English doctor."

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A new play for children called "dynamite" has appeared; it consists in a kind of spring movement, by which a house and its inmates go up, up, up. M. Oustry, the new Prefect of the Seine, was transported to Lambessa for his political views by Napoleon III. On the fall of the Empire Thiers made him Prefect of Algeria, and when he visited Lambessa on his official rounds, the convicts received him with a "hall fellow, well met!"

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